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GROUP 2171
PATENT APPLICATION

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIGH SPEED, HIGH VOLUME TABULATION OF
DATA

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for data tabulation processing of a data file having a plurality of records in a plurality of data fields, comprising:

i) a pre-processing stage in which, for each individual data field, each distinct data value is identified and allocated a numerical identifier unique for that field; and

field order